to a Country Bank.

The following address was deliver ed by B. S. Walker, president of the Monroe Cotton Mills and vice presi dent of Bank of Monroe, Ga, before the Bankers' Association of Georgia, at their convention held at Warm Springs, Ga.

The members of the convention were so delighted with the address, that they ordered it printed and dis tributed with the bope that it would do much good-in developing the industries of State:

There are in almost every town in Georgia merchants who fume and fret every time a new merchant locates in their town; doctors who criticise and slander the new pillmedical college with his new crisp diploma, prepared as he thinks to heal all the diseases to which humanity is subject; lawyers who pounce upon the new limb of the law, and in a sneering manner advertise his mistakes in his first cases and predict his failure in places likely to do him harm; bankers who groan in disgust every time the see Mr. Witham has opened a new bank There are cotton mill men in this State now rolling in anguish, iretting their lives away because they see now and then a new cotton mill projected in some Georgia town; and, if by chance they are appealed to for advice by those intending to build a new mill, they tell the parties to keep their money out of cotton mills, that there are already too many in the country, those now running do not pay and often times they defeat the building of the mill I am thankful I do not belong to

this class of croakers. I am one of those who believe every bale of cotton produced in Georgia should be spun in Georgia There is no Georgia, or in the South, so long as as single bale of cotton is shipped to New England or across the water. I am tired of seeing our farmers sell their cotton at \$25 per bale to foreign manufacturers and buy it back in its manufactured state at from \$60 to \$75, the difference Georgia town suddenly awoke to the between the price received and price fact that the manufacturing towns paid having gone to pay freight. to around him were outstripping his own enrich foreign manufacturers and to town, and determined to build a cotton feed and clothe the poor of other mill He appealed in vain to the only countries, while our worthy poor wealthy man in his town to subscribe people are left to spend their lives in After exhausting every argument and Dublin Fusiliers, steamed to Chieveley misery and want. A noble old failing to move him to action, he finally early this morning. On its return it Georgian, who has made a large proposed to go to Monroe to see the was shelled by the arrillery of the Boers, fortree by manufacturing cotton, said | new mili They came. The doubting a few days ago, as several hundred Thomas was convinced; be subscribed of his operatives were passing out of \$15,000 to the new mill; others fol his mill: "I enjoy feeding and cloth- lowed in quick succession, and the ing these poor people more than I amount needed was soon raised. The enjoy all the money I've made "

to action; if I can cause one honest your town, try this remedy on him. Georgia widow with her helpless children to leave the cotton field, where they are not making expenses, and move to a new cotton mill to be and abuse of those selfish, narrow- cotton instead of producing it. minded men who, because they own

a most important opportunity for in largest merchant to the most insigni ficent washer woman or wood chopper

have but to refer you to my own a cord beats coal at \$2 per ton. With Churchill. ton, in each of which places pros- better than water power four or five missing of the armored train contingent perous, dividend paying cotton mills miles from a shipping point have been built under the supervision and child in these towns.

use it in making their crops. The infancy. cotton is fully insured and is held and All throughout the Piedmont regions owned by the bank and is paid for of the Carolinas the hum of the spindle before it is spun by the mill. It is and the smoke of the furnace is heard stored right at home, not all is one and seen upon almost every hill top. large warehouse subject to one fire, but after crossing the Savannah river but in several warehouses holding into our State the noise of the cotton from one to three hundred baies, and mili is no longer heard, but in its perhaps in sheds in the mill yard, stead, the stillness of death prevails under the protection of excellent The wave of prosperity which has waterworks. There is no better caused the Carolinas to reach far ahead paper or collateral There is not a of Georgia has passed over Georgia. banker within my hearing who has and is now finding a hearty welcome in in his vanlt a better paper than the the state of Alabama

A Cotton Mill as an Adjunct an idle dollar Not so with a bank without a mill in its vicinity. It sends its money in October and November to its city depository, where it remains without interest tili the spring of the year

Another great advantage to a country bank in having a cotton mill in its care, is the fact that the stock owned by the citizens of the town and farmers near by affords such ex cellent collateral Stock in any of the milis I have mentioned, is as good coliateral as a government bond. If there is in Georgia a village cotton mill which under proper manage ment, and has been kept up to date in all modern improvements, whose stock is not worth par, I do dot know Not so, however, with some of roller as he comes fresh from the high salaries, high taxes, labor unions and tramp labor have ruined their profits When these advantages which the villages have over the cities in the manufacture of cotton become fully known and appreciated, the new mills will all be located in villages and the country bank will prosper as never before

But it is in the construction of the mill that the banker can do the most good for his community, and at the same time reach a rich barvest for himself What can be better for a country bank, with one of its officers president of an incipient cotton mill, than to have in its assets several thou sand dollars of subscription notes for stock in the mill on which one-half, or one third of the amount has been paid? How nobly the bank can assist the struggling mill by advancing the cash on solvent subscription notes! With the aid of the local bank, a mill can be from the fact that his wife left the easily built in many a Georgia town when without such aid a mill will be an impossibility.

To those present who are interested in the upbuilding of their towns I would say, select the very best man in such thing as too many mills in your community and authorize him to say to your people that the bank will advance the money at a low rate of interest on their subscriptions to a mili after one-third has been paid. You will be sarprised to see how nobly they will respond.

Not many weeks ago, a banker in a mill is now organized and the man If by what I shall say here today referred to is its enthusiastic vice presi-I can arouse one dead, sleepy town deats. If you find such a character in

If you are charitably inclined and would mingle philanthropy with your business investments, how better could you act than by gathering several built in her county town; to move hundred of the worthy poor of your from the old dilapidated cabin in the county into a new cotton mill village? country to the new, white cottage in If you belong to that class who believe the mill village nearby, where they all the ills of the country are due to the will make more clear money in one over production of cotton, why not month than they have made in twelve show your faith by your works and months on the cotton farm, I will be take from the fields several hundred delighted and will welcome the siurs laborers and put them to manufacturing

A cotton mill with one hundred and asked what he wanted. He replied a few shares in some cotton mill, or hands will spin one thousand baies of that he had come with the train to reperhaps hold an office in one, will cotton annally worth at present prices move the killed and wounded The shower upon my head their harshest \$25,000 in its raw state and say \$50, Boers told him to make his request in 000 after it is spun. This force will writing and Dr. Bristoe compiled. I am almost prepared to say where- consist of say fifteen men, twenty five ever there is a bank in a Georgia women and sixty children. In the Boer came and informed Dr. Bristoe town and no cotton mill, the bank has fields this force will not produce more that, as Gen Joubert was very far not done its duty. I will say most than 300 bales of cotton worth \$7,500. away, no answer to the request could emphatically the bank has neglected while in the mill the value of their be furnished urtil tomorrow morning. labor will amount to \$25,000. This is The Boer said that if Dr. Bristoe would creasing its own business and of every why New England is rich and the South return with a white flag be could count individual in its community, from the poor. Will you not think of this and act? upon a reply from Gen Joubert. Dr.

De not hesitate because coal is high, and you have no convenient water For the proof of this assertion I power Georgia pine wood at \$1 25 town, Monroe, to Harmony Grove, the new improvements for economizing to Jackson, to Toccoa, and to Elber- fuel, a steam plant on a railroad is

of officers of the local bank, and are small town of Griffin a merchant of some escaped over the veldt and will now being operated most successfully only moderate means, who was badly return to Estcourt in a few days. to the great good of the bank, and afflicted with that dreadful disease, for the benefit of every man, woman nervous dyspepsia Forced by the hand of disease to abandon his store, Do not understand me to say the he decided to build a cotton mill banks are in partnership with the After weeks of anxious soliciting he mills This is not true, and it would could raise only \$84,000. With this not be advisable, but the milis are small beginning, backed up by the under the fostering care of the banks. friendly promise of the local bank, he an officer of the bank being an officer made the venture. From this small beginning his plant has grown to nearly The mills need money to buy their a million dollars, the stock being worth supply of cotton in the fail and winter, \$150 per share of \$100. The city of just when the banks are full of Griffin has doubled more than once ic money. They use the bank's money, wealth and population, and the cotton say from November until May, and mills are now lending money to the pay it back in time for the farmers to very bank which helped them in their

note of either of the cotton mills I I will not say that the bankers of This marvellous medicine is the surest and have mentioned, with a warehouse Georg a are to blame for this sad state quickest cure in the world for all throat and receipt fer cotton attached to it of affairs, but I will say that it is in A country tark with a cotton your power to change it, if you would mill under its care need never have | Will you not try ?

Another Boer Victory.

AMORED TRAIN ENTERS A BOER TRAP AND SUFFERS HEAVILY.

London, Nov 17 - Misfortune steadfastly pursues British employment of armored trains, the fascination for which has given the Boers their first and latest victories The British seemed to have walked into a according to the best accounts, 90 men are either killed, wounded or missing. Of these the Fusiliers claim 50 and the Durban infantry 40. the larger milis in the cities, where It is believed that few escaped, and that the others are prisoners in the hands of the Boers Many of the wounded were brought back on the locomotive and tender of the armored train Capt. Haldane of the Gordon Highlanders was attached to the Fusiliers and other officers were with them The list of casualties is awaited with great anxiety. In time of trouble Lieut Winston Churchill has proved himself more a soldier than a correspondent, and his gallantry is highly praised on all sides

The rumor of the death of Gen. Joubert is discredited

It is understood that the war office has news that he is still directing af fairs It is also rumored from Pieter maritzburg that the Boer losses at Lady smith Thursday were heavy, and included Gen Lucas Meyer, who was either killed or wounded. The report as to Gen Joubert probably arose Boer camp at Ladysmith for the Free

The Cape Town correspondent of the Standard says he has heard from an old resident, who has just left the Orange Free State, that the war is very unpopular there; that, apart from the government officials, the attitude of the people who consider of themselves bound to England, is very half hearted; that disaffection and disobedience are spreading in the ranks of the Free State troops, and that the burghers would welcome any pretext to return to their homes.

Estcourt, Natal, Wednesday, Nov. 15 .- An armored train, baving on board a half company of the Durban volunteers and a half company of the placed in four positions Two trucks in front of the engine left the rails, toppling ever. While the train was thus helpless the Durbans and Dublins faced the Boers in skirmishing order and the Boers poured shot and shell into the crippled train. The derailed wagons were with great difficulty removed, and the line was cleared, when the engine and tender steamed back.

During this juncture, Lieut Winston Churchill of the Fourth Hussars, and son of the late Lord Randolph Churchill, displayed much courage, as did also the driver and fireman.

It is feared the Dablics and Durbans fared badly.

A Red Cross party has gone out. Nov. 15 9 30 p m -At 6 c'clock this evening the Red Cross train returned. Dr Bristoe reported that on meeting the Boers' patrol he was haited

After waiting for two bours, another Bristoe inquired if there were many wounded He declined to give any information regarding Lieut. Winston

London, Nov 16-Special dispatches from Estcourt estimate the wounded and at from 100 to 150 The missing in-Fifteen years ago there lived in the cludes Capt. Haldane It is hoped that

BIG FIGHT AT LADYSMITH.

Estcourt, Nov. 16, 10 a. m -A missionary, a native, but a reliable man, who arrived here yesterday from Ladysmith, reports that a big fight took place there on Friday, Nov 10 He says that volunteers went out in the early morning and drew the enemy from their positions when the regular troops, under Sir George White, out manoeuvred them by outflanking the Boers, administering a crushing defeat and inflicting

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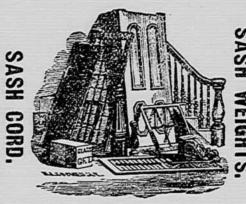
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